An invitation to honor innovation and excellence in vertical flight technology and its applications

The AHS International Awards Program

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Who makes the nominations?

The simple answer is you do. You have an important and responsible role to play in identifying those of your colleagues deserving of special recognition. If there is someone, or a group of persons, you feel is making an outstanding contribution to the world of vertical flight, please read through this brochure, select the appropriate award and make your recommendation.

How do you nominate someone?

Nominations are welcomed from members and nonmembers of the Society. You should be able to select the appropriate award for your nominee from the details in this brochure. Should you require further information, however, please contact members of the AHS staff who will be pleased to help, and you can visit our web site at www.vtol.org/awards-and-contests/ahs-international-awards for more information.

You may nominate deserving colleagues or teams online at our web site www.vtol.org/awards-and-contests/award-nominations. Award nominations must be submitted by February 26. Nominations and endorsements are first considered by the Awards Committee, which is chaired by the Chairman of the AHS Board of Directors. The committee also includes representatives from academia, government and private industry, plus the AHS Technical Director and, on a nonvoting basis, the AHS Executive Director. The Awards Committee then submits a list of recommended recipients to the Executive Committee of the Society for consideration and final approval.

The successful nominee will be informed prior to the Annual Forum of his or her award. All nominations are treated as strictly confidential.

AHS Award Nomination Form

Nominations are due by February 26

Please nominate online at www.vtol.org/awards-and-contests/awards-nomination.

If you are not able to register online, please contact Liz Malleck at (703) 684-6777 x107 for a paper form.

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Dr. Alexander Klemín Award

Created in 1951 by industry pioneer Frank Piaceti, the Klemín Award is the highest honor the AHS bestows on an individual for notable achievement in advancing the field of vertical flight aeronautics. The award honors the memory of an eminent aeronautical engineer, educator, author, and outstanding pioneer in rotary wing aeronautics.

Previous winners include Kurt H. Hohenemser, Igor Sikorsky, Jack M. Drees, project and technical teams involved in the design and development of the Sikorsky AH-64 Apache, the UH-60 Black Hawk, the A-1 Cobras, the AH-64 Apache, the XV-15, the Army Rotorcraft Academic Centers of Excellence and George T. Singley, and the NASA Full-Scale Aerodynamics Complex.

Frederick L. Feinberg Award

Since 1961, the Frederick L. Feinberg Award is presented to an individual for significant contributions to the field of vertical flight. The award acknowledges the highest level of achievement in a career dedicated to vertical flight.

Previous recipients of the award include Pierre Jean de Lamaure, Robert L. Haulton, Robert L. Lichten, Richard M. Sorensen, Robert L. Pinckney, and Dr. John Zuk.

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Paul E. Haulton Award

The American Helicopter Society’s Paul E. Haulton Award is given for outstanding contributions to the field of vertical flight technology. The award honors leaders in the vertical flight industry.

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